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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHOZO HATTORI, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/543,331) Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: April 5, 2000)
For: INK ABSORBENT, INK)
TANK, INK CARTRIDGE,)
METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING INK)
ABSORBENT, AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING INK)
TANK) January 16, 2001

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the December 15, 2000 Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species identified as Claims 2 to 10. It is understood that Claim 1 is generic and will be examined together with the elected species.

The election is made with traverse.

Traversal is on the grounds that there would not be undue burden in examining both species in a single

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application. In particular, it has always been Applicants' prerogative to present claims to a "reasonable" number of species, as "reasonable" is used in 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). Here, only two species have been identified, which is believed fully "reasonable" and further is not believed to be unduly burdensome on the Examiner.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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